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For: Erasing and Cleaning Apparatus for  
Cylinders, in Particular Printing Form and  
Blanket Cylinders of a Printing Press,  
having an Intermittently Operated Drive for  
a Continuous Cleaning Cloth

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Also enclosed is a copy of a German Office Action citing the listed references.

DE 44 42 412 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,727,470 a method and apparatus for controlling a washing operation in a printing press.

DE 100 08 214 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,694,879 disclose an erasing and cleaning device for cylinders in a printing machine.

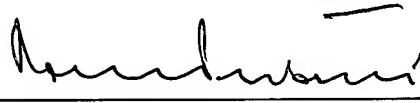
EP 0 611 652 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,377,591 disclose a washing apparatus for printing press cylinders having a spring-band freewheel tensioning device.

DE 38 41 260 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,986,182 disclose a cleaning apparatus and cleaning method for a blanket in a printing press.

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